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WElcome, thrice welcome, this Auſpicious Morn,
On which the Great *Naſſau* was Born,
Sprung from a Mighty Race which was deſign'd
For the Deliv'rers of Mankind.
Illuſtrious Heroes, whoſe prevailing Fates
Rais'd the Diſtreſs'd, to High and Mighty States;

And did by that poſſeſs more true Renown,
Than their *Adolphus* gain'd by the Imperial Crown.

They cool'd the Rage, humbled the Pride of *Spain*,
But ſince the Inſolence of *France* no leſs,
Had brought the States into Diſtreſs,
But that a precious Scien did remain
From that Great Root, which did the ſhock ſuſtain,
And made them High and Mighty once again.

This Prince for us, was Born to make us free
From the moſt abject Slavery.
Thou haſt reſtor'd our Laws their force again;
We ſtill ſhall Conquer on the Land by thee;
By thee ſhall Triumph on the Main.

But thee a Fate much more ſublime attends,
Europe for Freedom on thy Sword depends;

And

And thy Victorious Arms shall tumble down
The Savage Monster from the *Gallick* Throne:
To this Important Day, we all shall owe,
Oh Glorious Birth, from which such blest effects shall flow.

On this glad Day let every Voice,
And Instrument, Proclaim our Joys,
And let all [illegible] *Triumphant noise.*
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And let t [illegible] *acious Welkin Ring.*

General Chorus of Voices and Instruments.

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From thy fresh Lawrels shall the Olive spring,
Thy Victories shall bring us Peace,
And under Thee, our most Indulgent King,
Shall Industry and Arts increase;
Quiet we shall possess, but not Inglorious Ease.

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On this glad Day let every Voice,
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And let all Europe *join in the Triumphant noise.*
Io Triumphe *let us Sing,*
Io Triumphe *let us Sing,*
And let the sound through all the spacious Welkin Ring.

General Chorus of Voices and Instruments.

From thy fresh Lawrels shall the Olive spring,
Thy Victories shall bring us Peace,
And under Thee, our most Indulgent King,
Shall Industry and Arts increase;
Quiet we shall possess, but not Inglorious Ease.

Then ſhall each fertile Mead, and grateful Field,
Amply reward our Care and Toil;
The Herds and Flocks a vaſt increaſe ſhall yield,
Which raging War ſhall never ſpoil,
Free from Invading force, and from Inteſtine broil.

And though our Plenteous Iſle ſhall need no more,
Than what its Soil for Natives does provide,
Yet added to its mighty ſtore,
Whatever any Foreign Coaſt,
Of Plenty, or of Wealth can boaſt,
Shall on our Happy Shores flow in beſide,
From the ſuperfluous Bounty of each Tide.

No Av'rice or Ambition in the Great,
Shall under thee thy Godlike Power pervert,
Rewards nor Threats corrupt thy Judgment Seat;
Nor Truſts be gain'd but by deſert,
While thy Great Self thy Wiſdom ſhalt exert.

Then

Then ſhall the Vile Ungrateful Murm'ring Band,
Whom our great *Moſes* has ſet free
From *Egypts* Bondage, and Idolatry,
Glad to ſubmit to his Command;
For Shame their guilty Heads hang down,
Owning the beſt of Kings that ever fill'd the Throne.

Thus the Prophetick Muſes ſay,
And all the Wiſe and Good will pray,
That they long, long, may Celebrate this Day.
Soon Haughty *France* ſhall bow, and Coz'ning *Rome*,
And *Britain* Miſtreſs of the World become;
And from thy Wiſe, thy Godlike Sway,
Kings learn to Reign, and Subjects to Obey.

On this Bleſt Day let every Voice,
And, &c.

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